

Chlach Mhanann

MINUTES OF MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on MS Teams, on THURSDAY 20 MAY 2021 at 1.00 PM

PRESENT

Councillor Donald Balsillie (Convenor) Councillor Jane McTaggart Councillor Martha Benny Councillor Denis Covne Councillor Dave Clark (S) Councillor Helen Lewis Councillor Derek Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE

Emma Fyvie, Senior Manager, Development (Place) Allan Finlayson, Team Leader, Planning and Building Standards Keith Johnstone, Principal Planner Lee Robertson, Solicitor, Legal and Governance (Clerk to the Committee) Gillian White, Committee Services, Legal and Governance

PLA(21)14 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tina Murphy, Councillor Chris Dixon, Councillor Kenneth Earle and Councillor George Matchett QPM. Councillor Dave Clark attended as substitute for Councillor Earle.

PLA(21)15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

PLA(21)16 **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

The minutes of the undernoted meetings were submitted for approval:

- (a) Local Review Body 14/01/20
- (b) Local Review Body 22/09/20
- (c) Local Review Body 21/01/21
- (d) Planning Committee 01/04/21

Decision

The minutes of the meetings as noted above were agreed as a correct record.

PLA(21)17 PLANNING APPLICATION

Planning Application Ref: 20/00220/FULL - Erection of Reserve Gas Generation Facility with a Proposed Generation Capacity of 22.5 MW With Associated Infrastructure Including Ancillary Buildings, Access, Fencing and Landscaping on Land South Of Hennings Wood, Collyland Road, Fishcross, Clackmannanshire

The report, submitted by the Principal Planner, provided an assessment of the above application for planning permission having consideration to the provisions of the Local Development Plan and any other material considerations, including the advice from consultees. It provided a recommendation on the application. The proposal was for a Major Development as the development comprises an electricity generating station with a capacity that exceeds 20 Megawatts. The application had to be reported to Committee for determination rather than be determined by Appointed Officers as set out under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

Attending

Stuart MacGarvie, MacGarvie and Co Limited (Agent for the Applicant – Fishcross Generation Ltd)

Paul Edney, owner of The Woods Caravan and Lodge Park, Fishcross (Objector)

The report was introduced by Keith Johnstone, Principal Planner. Mr Johnstone also presented photographs of the site in lieu of a site visit. Members of the Planning Committee had the opportunity to put questions to Mr Johnstone.

The Committee then heard representations from Stuart MacGarvie, Agent for the Applicant, and Paul Edney, Woods Caravan Park, Objector. The members of the Planning Committee had the opportunity to put questions to both parties.

Motion 1

That the Committee refuses the application subject to the reasons set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Dave Clark.

Motion 2

That the Committee approve the application subject to mitigation conditions being applied.

Moved by Councillor Derek Stewart.

Motion 2 was not seconded and did not proceed.

Voting

For motion 1	6 votes
Against Motion 1	1 vote
Abstain from Voting	0 votes

Decision

On a division of 6 votes to 1, the Committee agreed to REFUSE the application for the reasons set out in the report.

Action

Principal Planner

Ends: 14:31 hours